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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 153-75.4

1. CHILE: ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST WEEK SUGGESTS THE MILITARY REGIME WILL DO LITTLE TO RELAX ITS STANCE ON SECURITY OR ITS BAN ON POLITICALS, AT LEAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WHEN A DOZEN FORMER OFFICIALS OF THE ALLENDE ADMINISTRATION WERE RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 12, THE GOVERNMENT SAID THAT SOME CHARGES WERE STILL PENDING AGAINST THEM. NOW THE NAVY HAS BEGUN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SIX OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON CHARGES OF SUBVERSION, AND AGAINST LUIS CORVALAN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

IN A SEPARATE ACTION, THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY--CHILE'S LARGEST--WILL NOT BE PERMITTED A VOICE IN RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AFTER THE PUBLIC AIRING OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN TWO PARTY LEADERS THAT IN EFFECT REAFFIRMED THE PARTY'S DESIRE TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR A RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC RULE.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S REACTION WAS A CATEGORICAL REJECTION OF A DIALOGUE WITH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ON THIS BASIS. THE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT FURTHERMORE RAISED THE THREAT OF PUNISHMENT FOR ACTIVITY DEEMED CONTRARY TO THE TERMS OF THE CONTINUING POLITICAL "RECESS."

ONE EFFECT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND WILL BE TO COMPLICATE PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S PROPOSAL TO FORM A "COUNCIL OF STATE," COMPOSED OF FORMER PRESIDENTS AND PROMINENT CHILEANS, TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT. FORMER PRESIDENT FREI, THE MOST PROMINENT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT, WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PARTICIPATE AFTER HIS PARTY HAS BEEN BUFFETED SO STRONGLY.

INTERNALLY, THESE DEVELOPMENTS CHANGE LITTLE. INTERNATIONALLY, THEY WILL FUEL FOREIGN CRITICISM AT A TIME WHEN CHILE IS TRYING TO IMPROVE ITS IMAGE. BELGIUM, WEST GERMANY, AND THE UK HAVE PLANS TO SPONSOR A UN RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHILE'S STAND

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CHINA: FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, PEKING HAS RELEASED A LARGE GROUP OF IMPRISONED CHINESE NATIONALIST OFFICIALS IN A MOVE SEEMINGLY DESIGNED TO SATISFY SEVERAL IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.4

MOST IMPORTANT, THE RELEASE LAST WEEK OF NEARLY 150 "US-CHIANG SPECIAL AGENTS," CAPTURED ON THE MAIN-LAND IN THE MID-1960S, IS INTENDED TO CHARACTERIZE PEKING AS MAGNANIMOUS AND SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN ATTEMPTS TO OPEN CONTACTS WITH THE NATIONALISTS ON TAIWAN. BY ANNOUNCING THAT THE PRISONERS ARE FREE TO GO TO TAIWAN IF THEY WISH, PEKING HAS AGAIN ISSUED A TACIT INVITATION FOR OPENING SOME SORT OF DIALOGUE WITH TAIPEI. THE MOVE IS ALSO A SIGNAL TO WASHINGTON --AS PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO CHINA--THAT PEKING IS BEING "REASONABLE" ON THE TAIWAN QUESTION.4

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TAIPEI WILL PROBABLY REJECT ANY FUTURE REQUESTS
 FROM RELEASED "SPECIAL AGENTS" TO VISIT TAIWAN, AS
 IT DID EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN TEN RELEASED "WAR
 CRIMINALS" ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO VISIT RELATIVES
 ON THE ISLAND. DESPITE THE ADVERSE PROPAGANDA, ESPE-
 CIALY IN THE HONG KONG PRESS, THAT RESULTED FROM THE
 COLD-SHOULDERING OF THESE TEN, NATIONALIST LEADERS
 SEEM PERSUADED THAT ANY SUGGESTION THAT THEY ARE PRE-
 PARED TO DEAL WITH PEKING WOULD CARRY GREAT RISKS.

TAIPEI WILL PROBABLY BE IN FOR EVEN ROUGHER PRESS
 TREATMENT THIS TIME AROUND. THE CHINESE ANNOUNCED
 MONDAY THAT PERMISSION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO 65 OF THE
 RELEASED AGENTS TO RETURN TO TAIWAN. THIS MUCH
 LARGER GROUP INCLUDES RELATIVELY YOUNGER MEN AND THEY
 PRESUNABLY HAVE MANY RELATIVES LIVING ON TAIWAN. MORE-

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1. LEBANON: MORE FIGHTING IN BEIRUT COULD FOLLOW TUESDAY
 ATTACK ON A BUS TRAVELING THROUGH A CHRISTIAN SUBURB; EIGHT DRUZE
 PASSENGERS WERE KILLED. THE DRUZE SECT HAS IN THE PAST TENDED TO
 SIDE WITH THE SHIA MUSLIMS. THE ATTACK MAY HAVE BEEN IN RETALIATION
 FOR AN INCIDENT IN THE SAME AREA IN WHICH A CHRISTIAN WAS KILLED
 SEVERAL HOURS EARLIER.4

OTHER PARTS OF THE CAPITAL WERE REPORTED TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET.
 MOST STORES AND BANKS WERE OPEN YESTERDAY, AND MOST NEWSPAPERS WERE
 ON THE STREETS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE LATEST ROUND OF FIGHTING
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SOME SHOOTING WAS STILL OCCURRING IN THE ZAGHARTA AREA NEAR TRIPOLI,
 BUT WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE ARMY WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING THE VIOLENCE
 THERE UNDER CONTROL. ZAHDAH AND THE BEKAA VALLEY WERE REPORTED QUIET.4

CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS, AND PALESTINIANS HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY
 BEEN USING THE LULL IN FIGHTING TO RE-EQUIP AND RE-ARM THEIR FORCES.4

THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE MET AGAIN YESTERDAY UNDER

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THE LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER KARAMI. AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY,

THE COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY SHELVED THE TROUBLESOME SUBJECT OF LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED BY PHALANGIST LEADER PIERRE JUMAYYIL. THE COMMITTEE ALSO SIDESTEPED FOR THE TIME BEING THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE CONSERVATIVE SHIA REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEE.

A KNOWLEDGABLE OBSERVER BELIEVES THE LEBANESE DO NOT YET REALIZE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO PROPERTY INFLECTED SO FAR DURING THE CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM FIGHTING. THE MIDDLE CLASS, MADE UP OF THE SHOPKEEPERS AND OTHER SELF-EMPLOYED BUSINESSMEN, HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY HARD HIT. ABOUT A FOURTH OF THIS GROUP IS ON THE VERGE OF DESTITUTION. HE ESTIMATES THAT MORE THAN 500 LEBANESE HAVE DIED IN THE LATEST ROUND OF FIGHTING.

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2. ETHIOPIA: THE RULING MILITARY COUNCIL TUESDAY DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ADDIS ABABA IN AN ATTEMPT TO HALT SPREADING STRIKES.

THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION IS THE MOST SWEEPING SECURITY

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MEASURE TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL. IT THREATENS THE ARREST OF ALL STRIKERS WHO DO NOT RETURN TO WORK AND GIVES SECURITY FORCES THE RIGHT TO DETAIN INDIVIDUALS FOR AN UNLIMITED PERIOD WITHOUT BEING CHARGED. 4

THE WORK STOPPAGES BEGAN TUESDAY MORNING, FOLLOWING A WEEK OF INCREASING LABOR UNREST. FACTORIES, BANKS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTION FIRMS ARE AMONG THE BUSINESSES AFFECTED. THE WALKOUTS MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF A GENERAL STRIKE INSTIGATED BY LABOR LEADERS AS PART OF AN ORGANIZED PROTEST AGAINST THE MILITARY RULERS. 4

WORKERS AND TEACHERS HAVE BECOME BOLDER IN THEIR CRITICISM OF THE COUNCIL. THEY HAVE CALLED FOR A PROMPT RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE AND A RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES, AS WELL AS REDRESS OF SPECIFIC GRIEVANCES. ON SEPTEMBER 25, AT LEAST SEVEN WORKERS WERE KILLED AND 14 WOUNDED AT THE ADDIS ABABA AIRPORT IN A CLASH WITH SECURITY FORCES WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO ARREST AIRLINE EMPLOYEES FOR DISTRIBUTING ANTI-REGIME PAMPHLETS. 4

A LONG STRIKE COULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR ADDIS ABABA.

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WHICH ALREADY FACES SHORTAGES OF FUEL AND FOOD STAPLES. THE
 COUNCIL'S STERN MEASURES MAY COERCE THE STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK
 BEFORE THE SHORTAGES BECOME CRITICAL, BUT AT THE PRICE OF FURTHER
 ERODING THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT AMONG INFLUENTIAL SEGMENTS OF THE
 POPULATION. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2 INPDET.H

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EUROPEAN BRIEF 153-75.4

PORTUGAL: PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO ANNOUNCED EARLY THIS MORNING THAT MILITARY OCCUPATION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN LISBON WILL END TODAY.4

IN A COMMUNIQUE, AZEVEDO SAID HIS GOAL OF CURBING IRRESPONSIBLE BROADCASTING HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. THE TROOPS ARE SCHEDULED TO WITHDRAW BUT POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO GUARD THE STATIONS.4

RADIO RENASCA, A CHURCH-OWNED STATION TAKEN OVER BY EXTREME LEFTISTS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, WILL CONTINUE UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL. WORKERS AT THE STATION APPARENTLY REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO THE OCCUPATION AND THE STATION WAS TAKEN OFF THE AIR YESTERDAY BY ARMY COMMANDOS.4

AZEVEDO MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL NOT HESITATE TO RESORT TO SIMILAR "EMERGENCY MEASURES" TO PREVENT ANY GROUP FROM CONSCIOUSLY OR UNCONSCIOUSLY SERVING COUNTERREVOLUTION.4 HE ENTITLED TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE MEDIA AND HAS ORDERED ALL POLITICAL GROUPS TO CLEAR THEIR COMMUNIQUE THROUGH THE INFORMATION MINISTRY.4

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THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL OVER THE STATIONS FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS HAS BEEN UNCERTAIN. AZEVEDO RAN INTO DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE HE COULD NOT DEPEND ON ALL HIS SECURITY TROOPS, SOME OF WHOM SIDED WITH LEFTIST RADIO WORKERS. ANOTHER PROBLEM WAS THE HALF-HEARTED SUPPORT OF THE HEAD OF THE SECURITY FORCES, GENERAL OTELO DE CARVALHO, WHO WAS APPARENTLY TRYING TO PLAY BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE. THE TRUE TEST OF AZEVEDO'S MOVE WILL BE WHETHER THE STATIONS FOLLOW HIS GUIDELINES.

FOR NOW, THE SITUATION HAS COOLED; THE MILITARY ALERT HAS BEEN RELAXED DESPITE MINOR CLASHES LAST NIGHT BETWEEN FAR-LEFTISTS AND A GROUP OF SOCIALIST AND POPULAR DEMOCRATIC DEMONSTRATORS. ABOUT 12,000 ANTI-COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED THROUGH THE STREETS OF LISBON, SHOUTING SLOGANS SUPPORTING AZEVEDO AND HIS EFFORTS TO RESTORE DISCIPLINE IN THE ARMED FORCES. THEY WERE ADDRESSED BY AZEVEDO AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, THEN HEADED FOR THE NATIONAL RADIO STATION.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES SHOWED ONCE AGAIN THAT THEY CAN ATTRACT MORE POPULAR SUPPORT TO AZEVEDO THAN THE EXTREME LEFT HAS BEEN ABLE

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